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 Figure 2. Example of SMTP Message Transfer

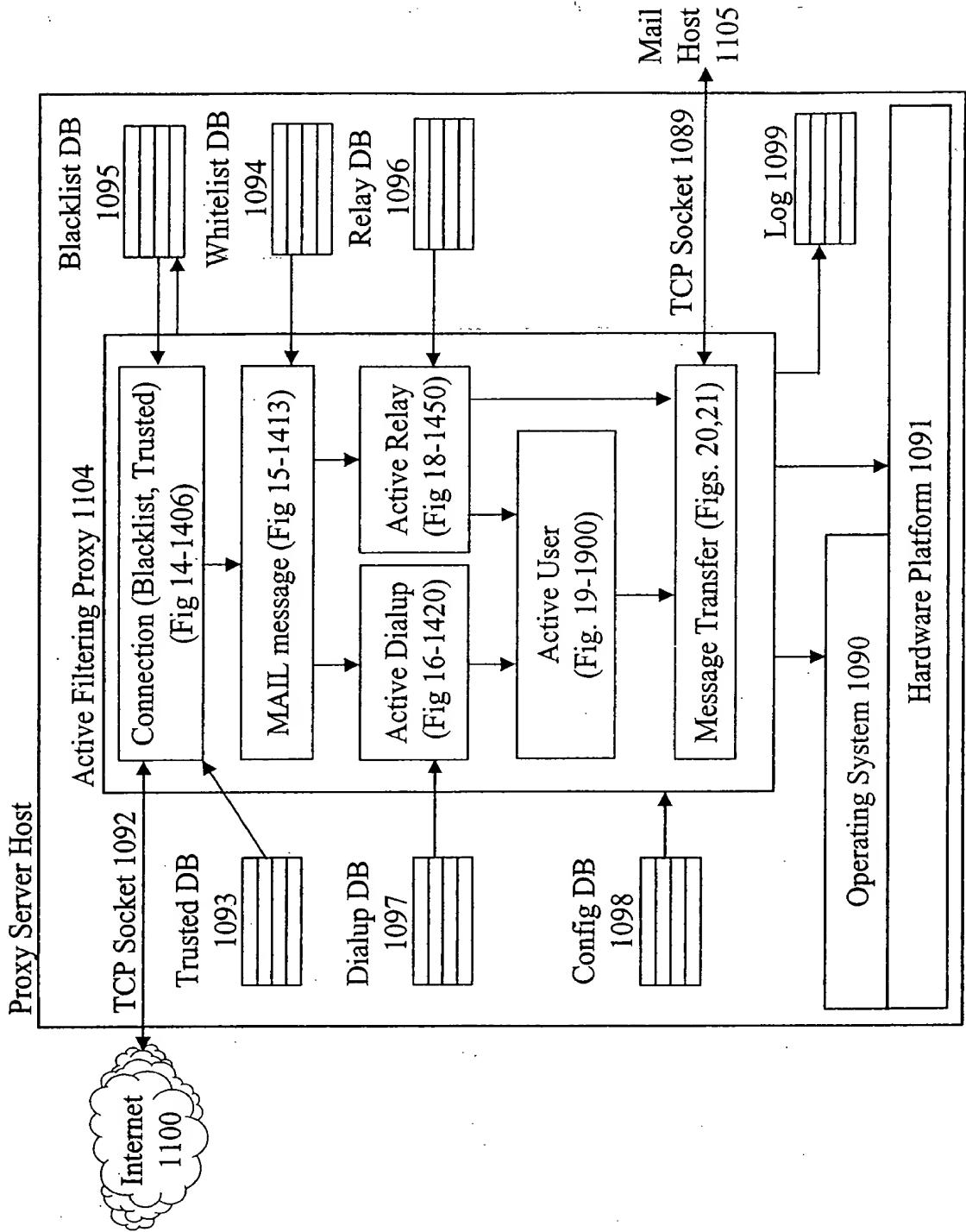


Figure 7. Block Diagram of Active Filtering System

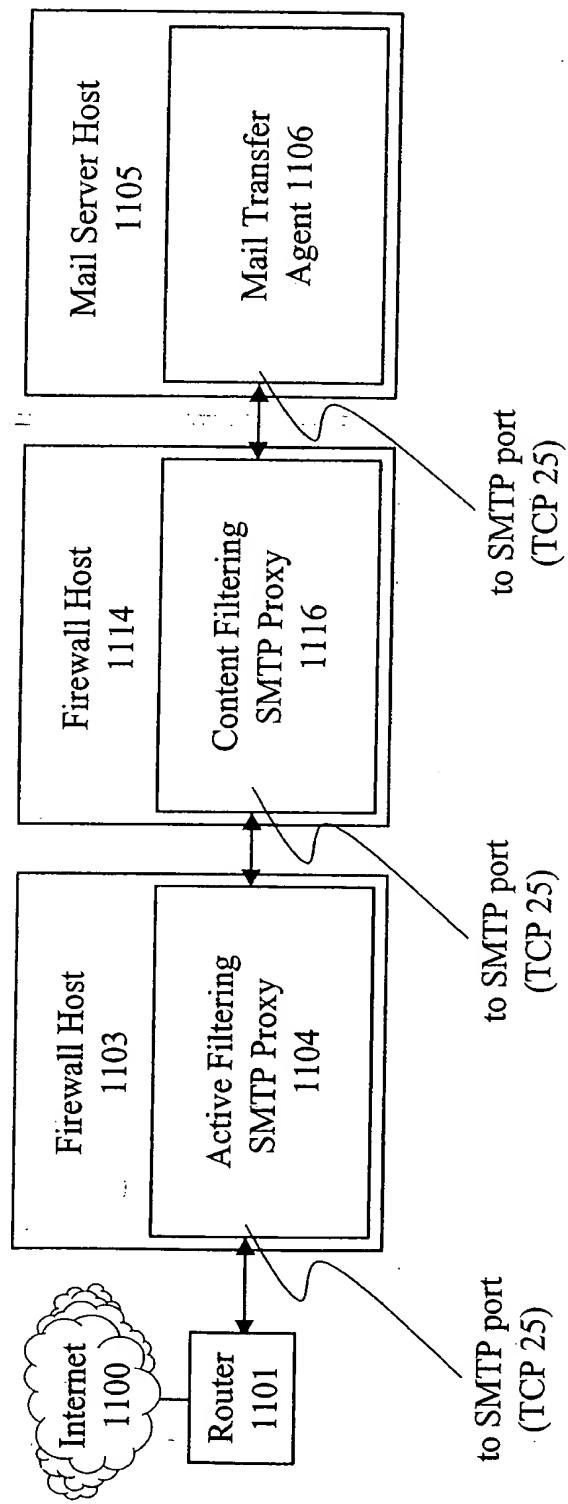


Figure 12. Active Filtering Proxy chained with Content Filtering Proxy

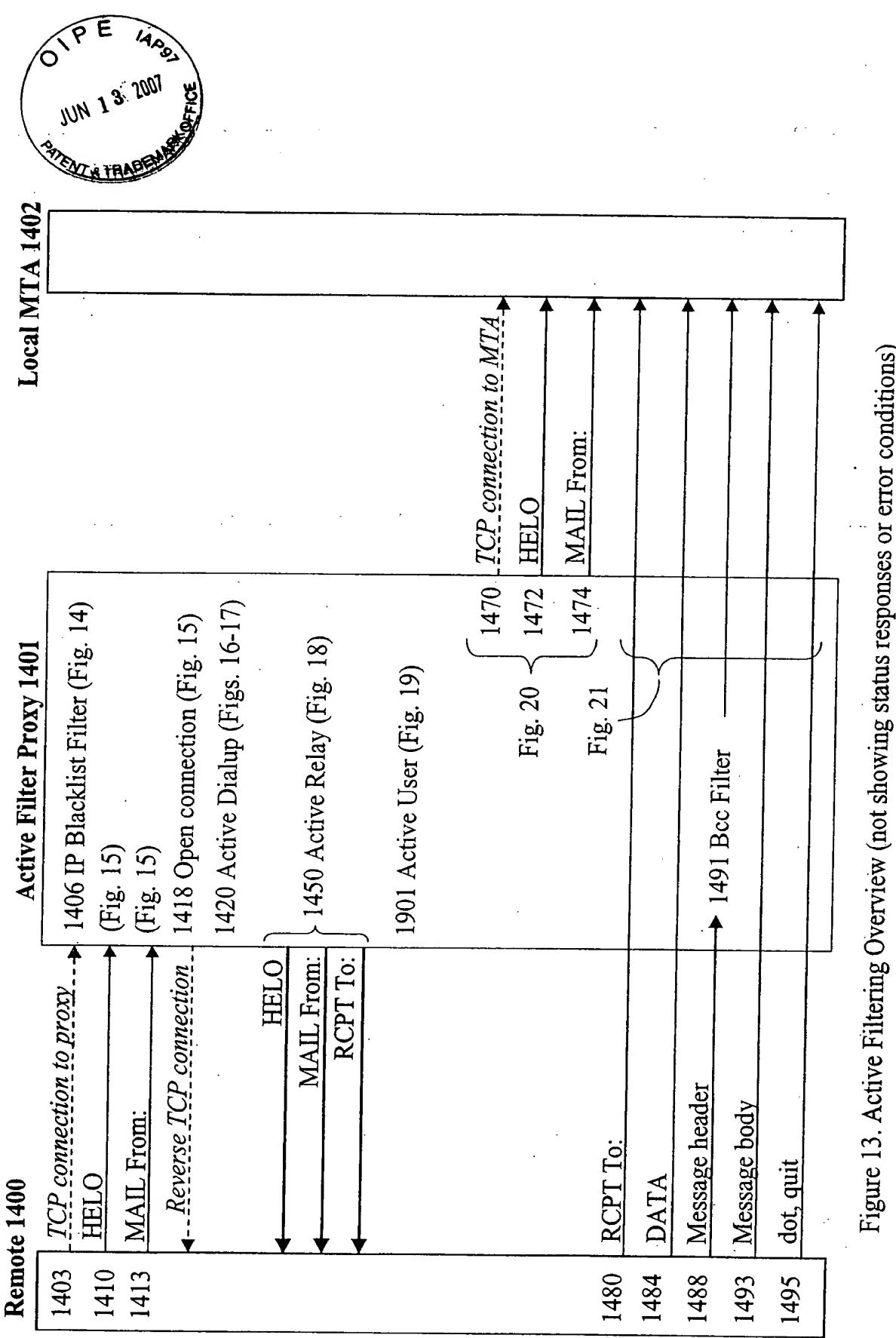


Figure 13. Active Filtering Overview (not showing status responses or error conditions)

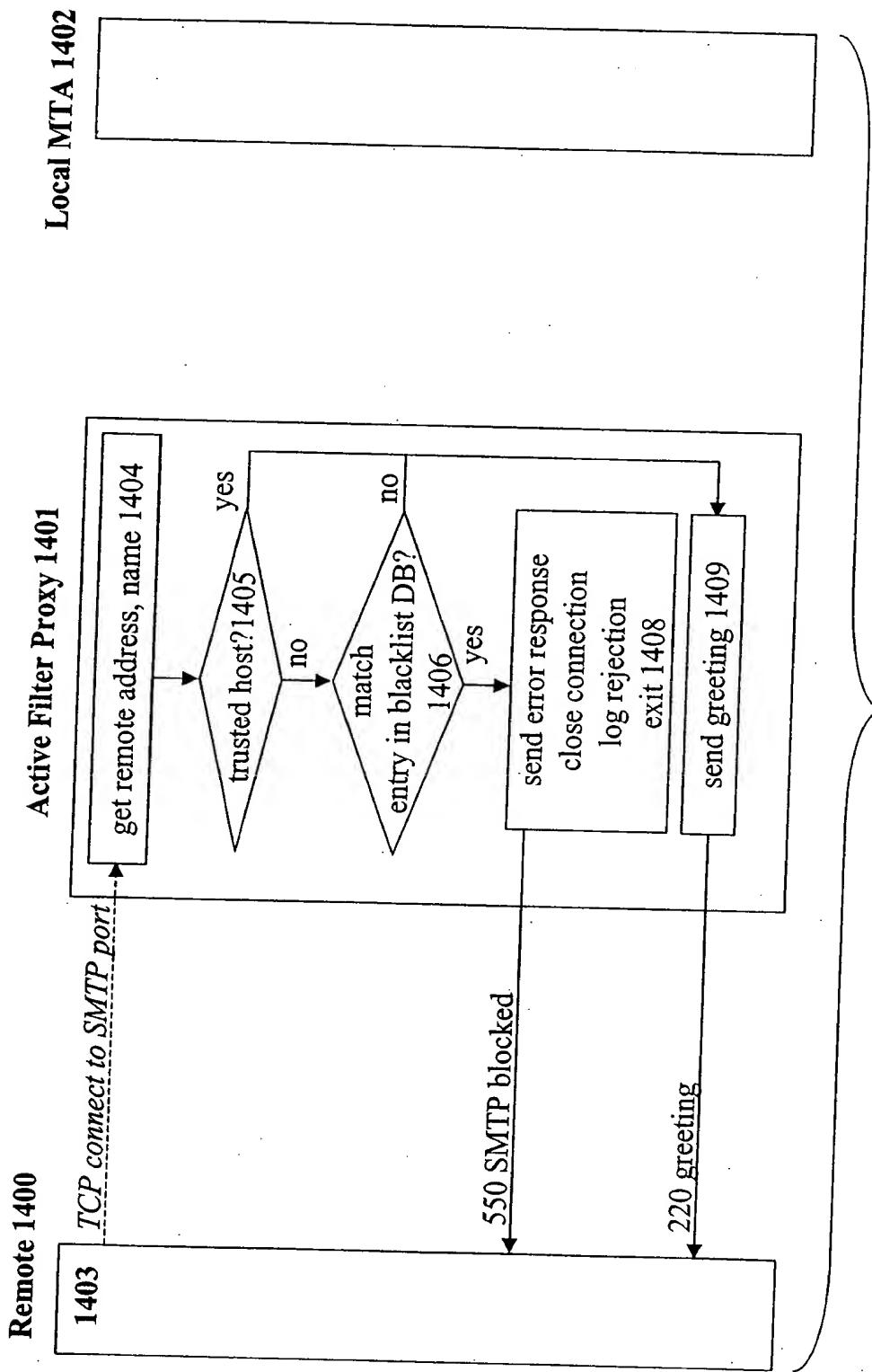


Figure 14. IP Blacklist Filtering

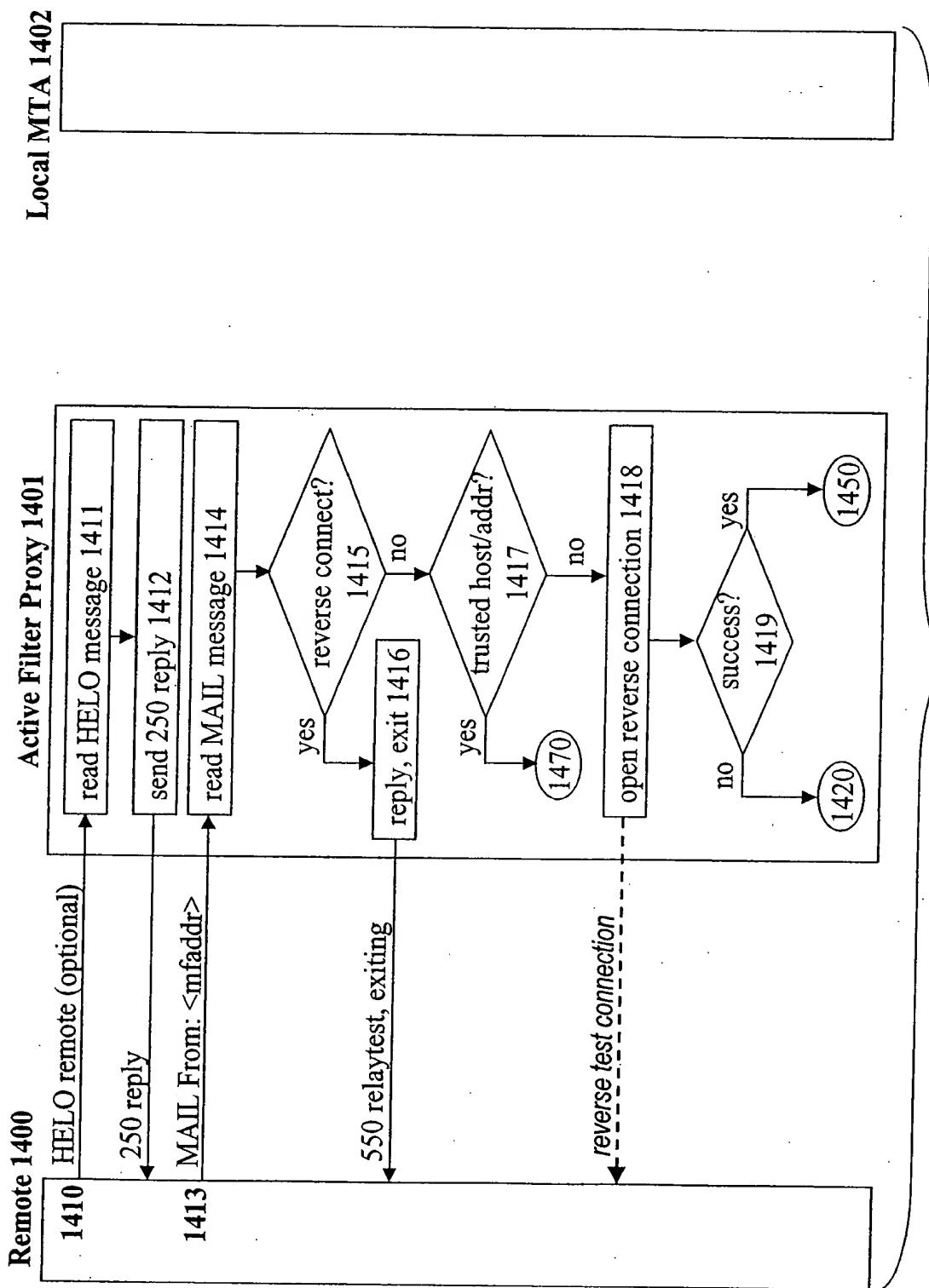


Figure 15. Remote HELO and MAIL Message Processing

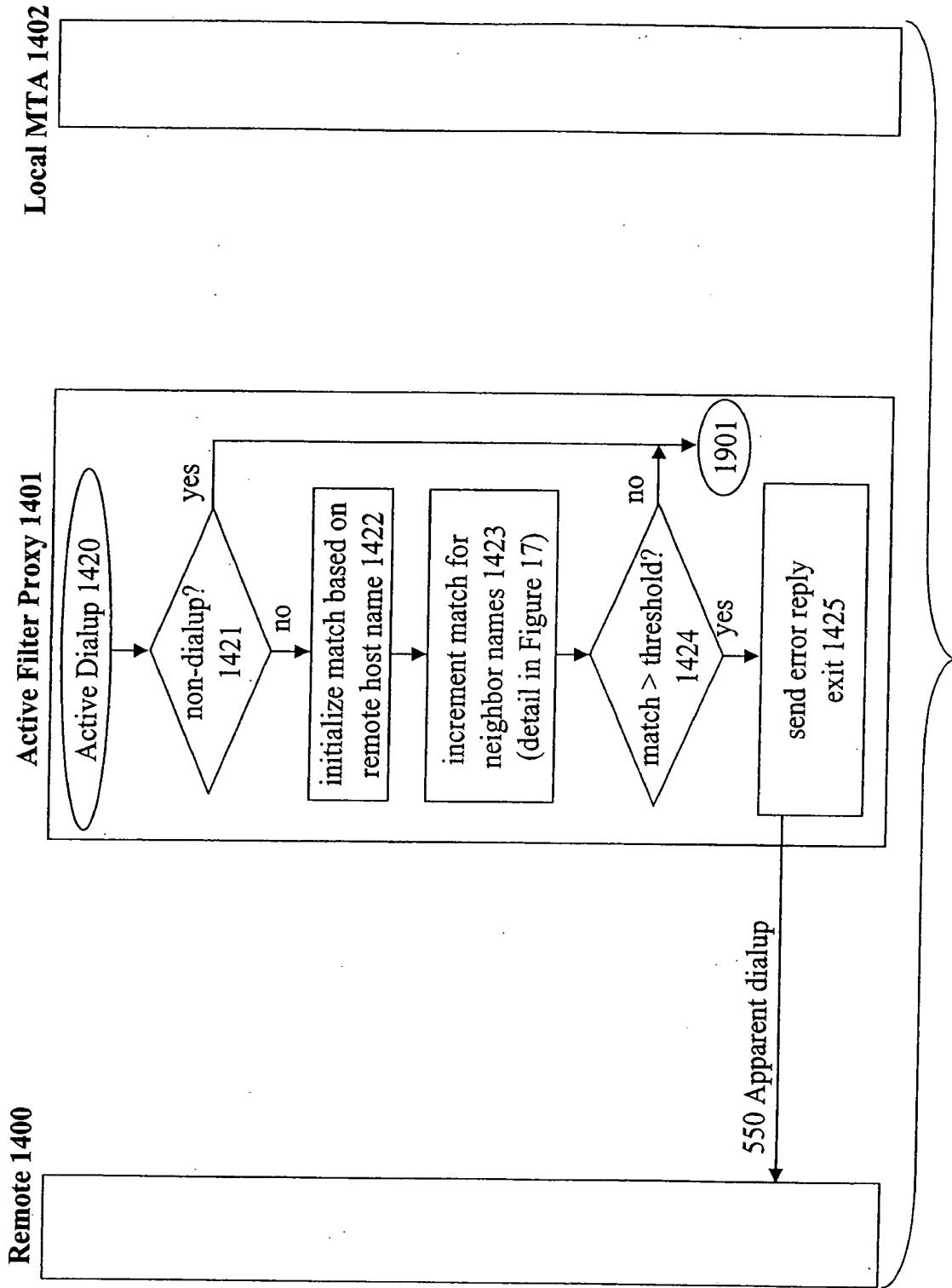


Figure 16. Active Dialup Test

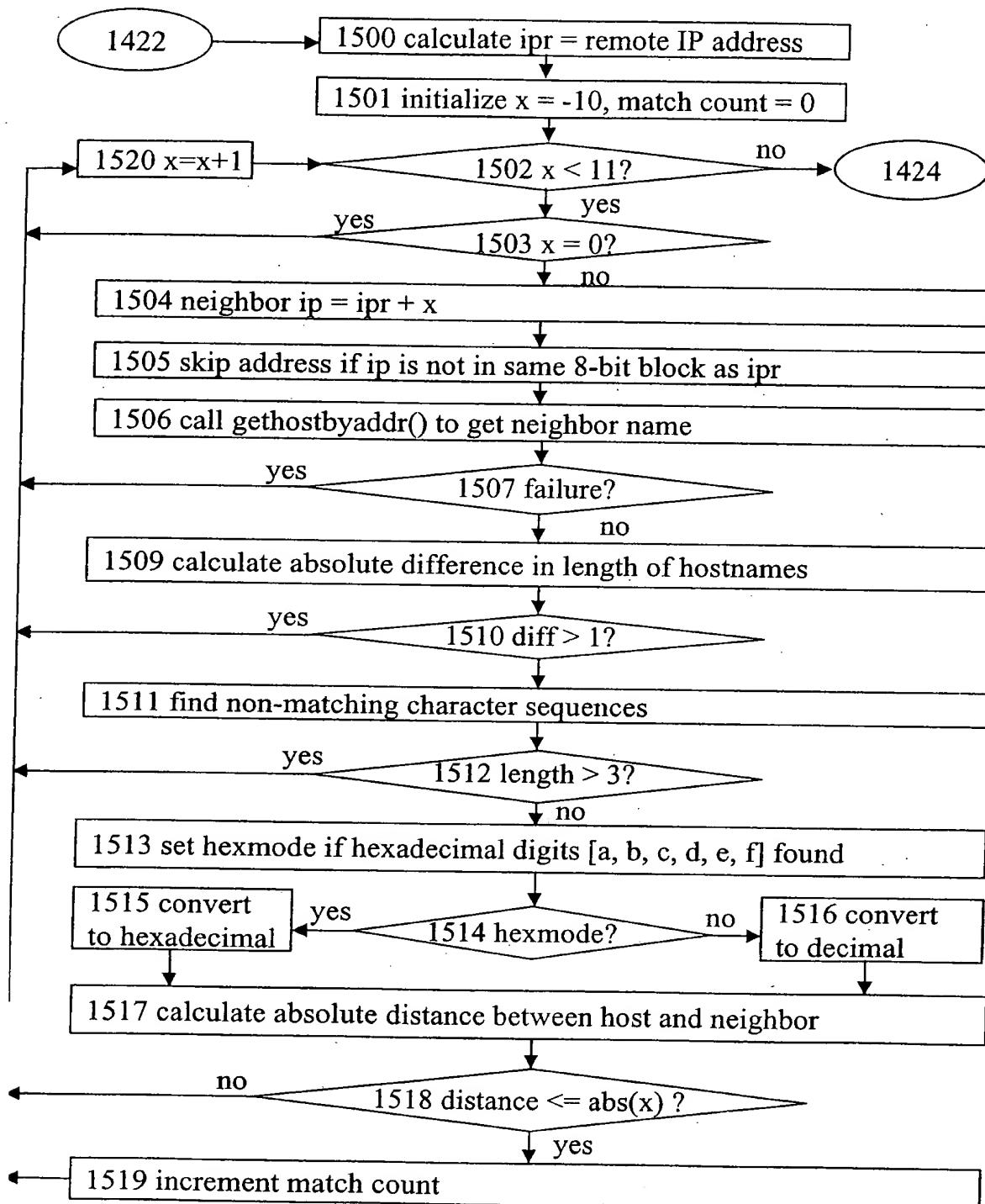
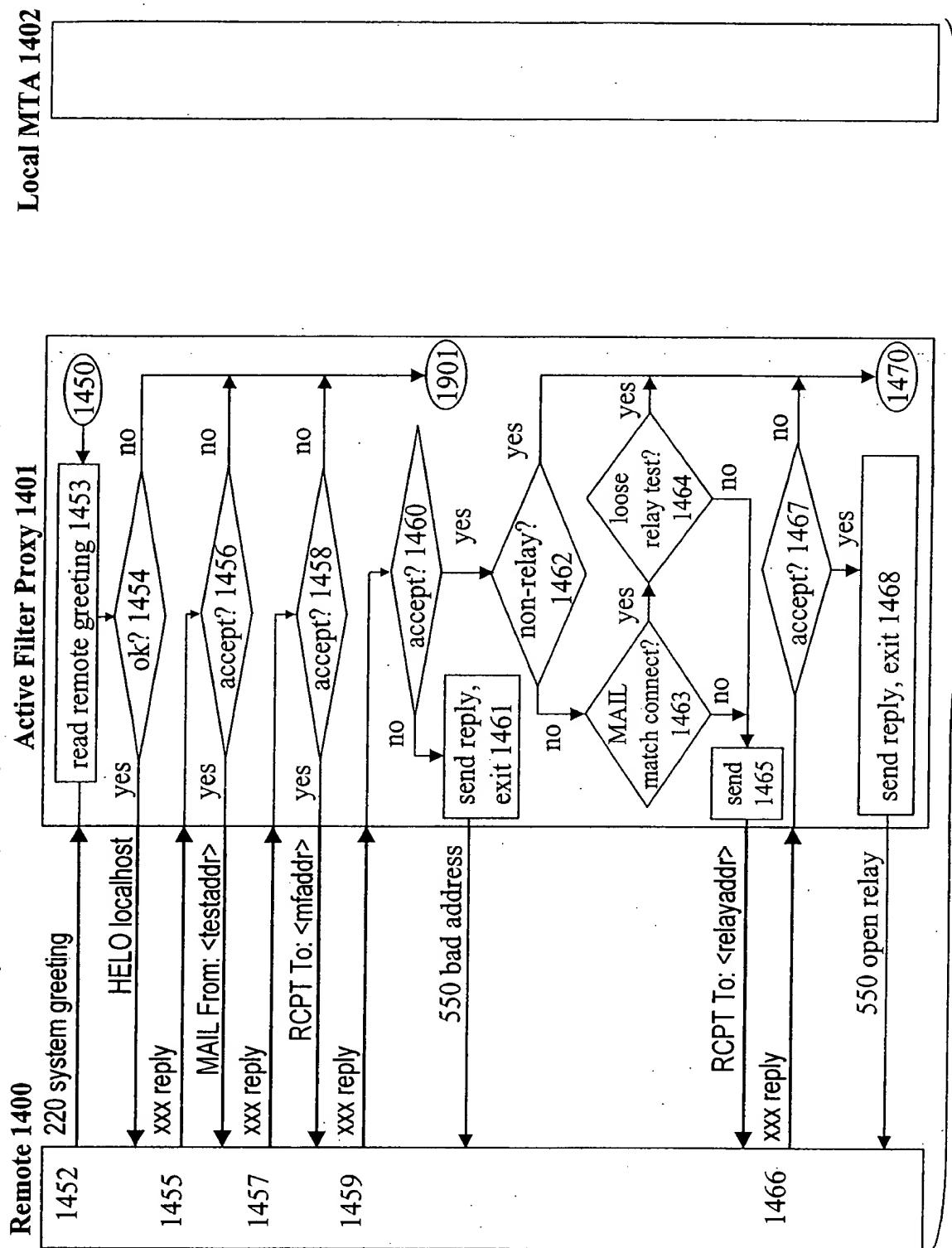


Figure 17. Details of Figure 16.Step 1423



Figure 18. Active Relay Test



**Mailhost 1900**

**Active Filter Proxy 1401**

**Local MTA 1402**

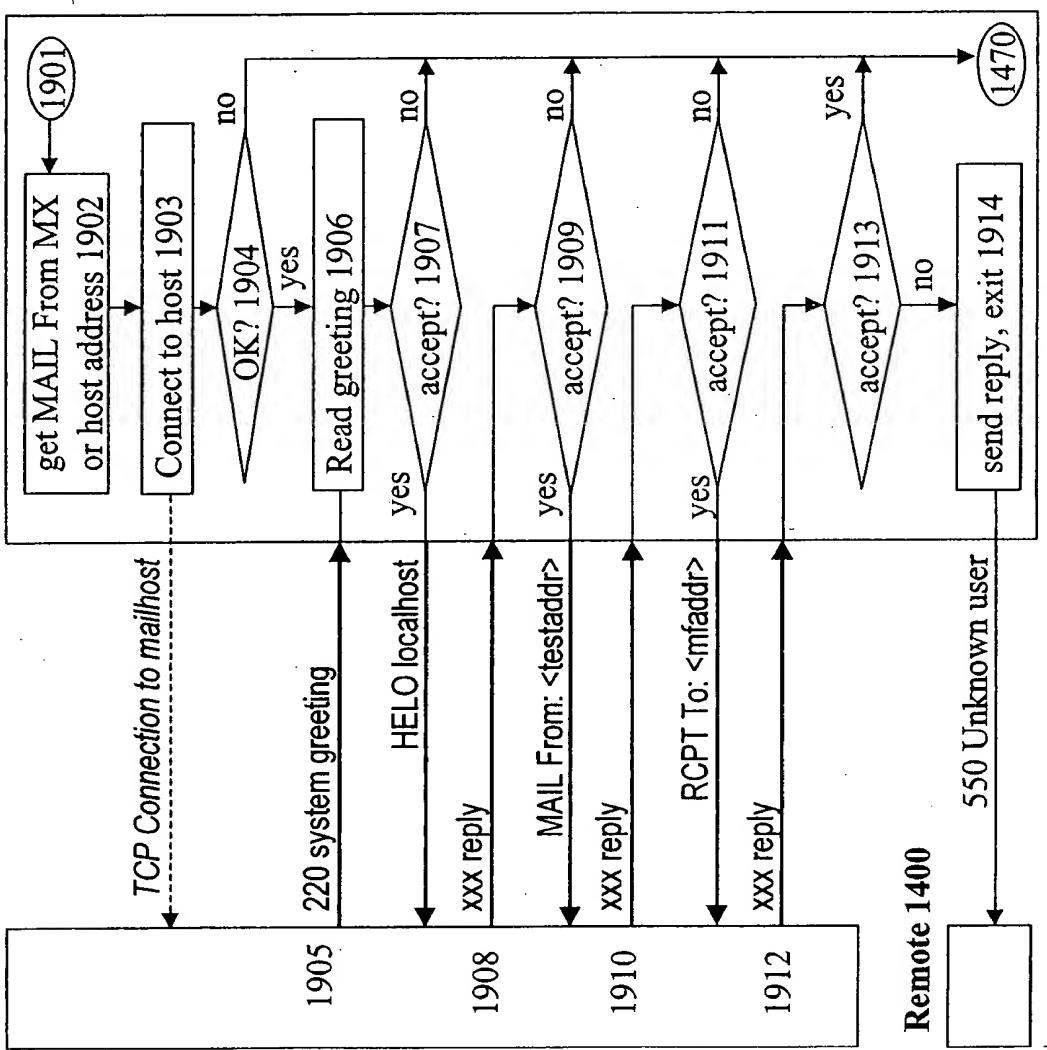


Figure 19. Active User Test

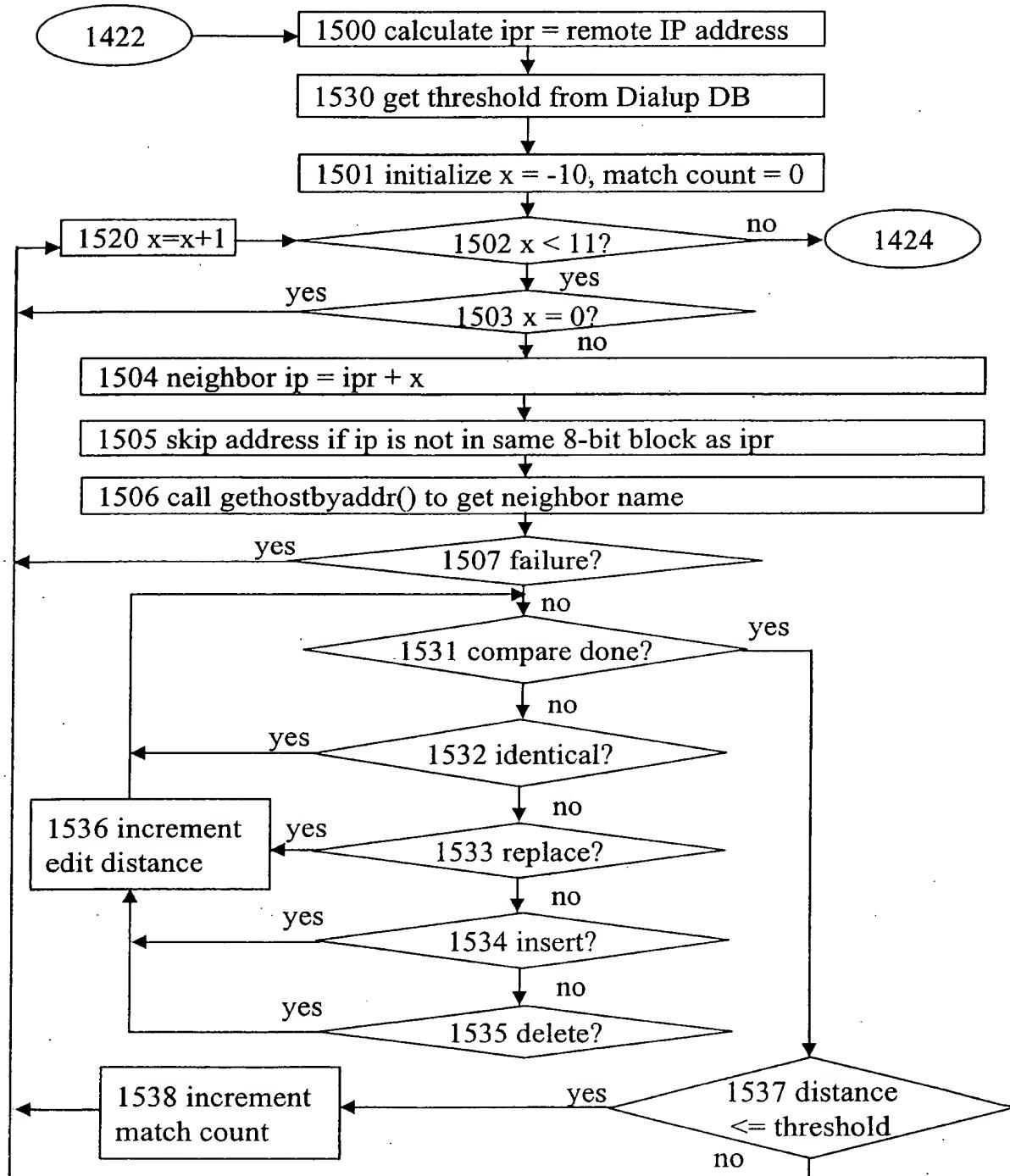


Figure 22. Details of Edit Distance Method  
(Alternative Figure 16 Step 1423)

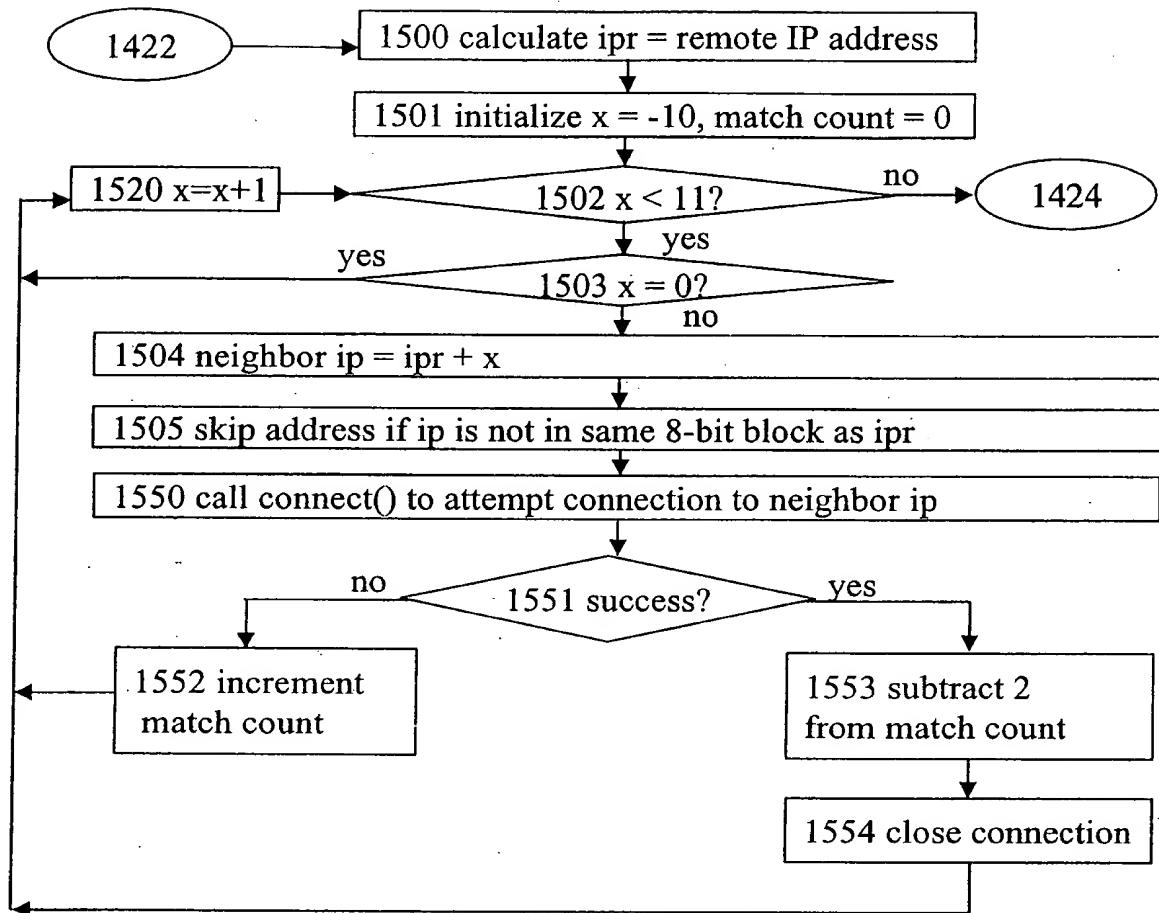


Figure 23. Details of Neighbor Connection Method  
(Alternative Figure 16 Step 1423)

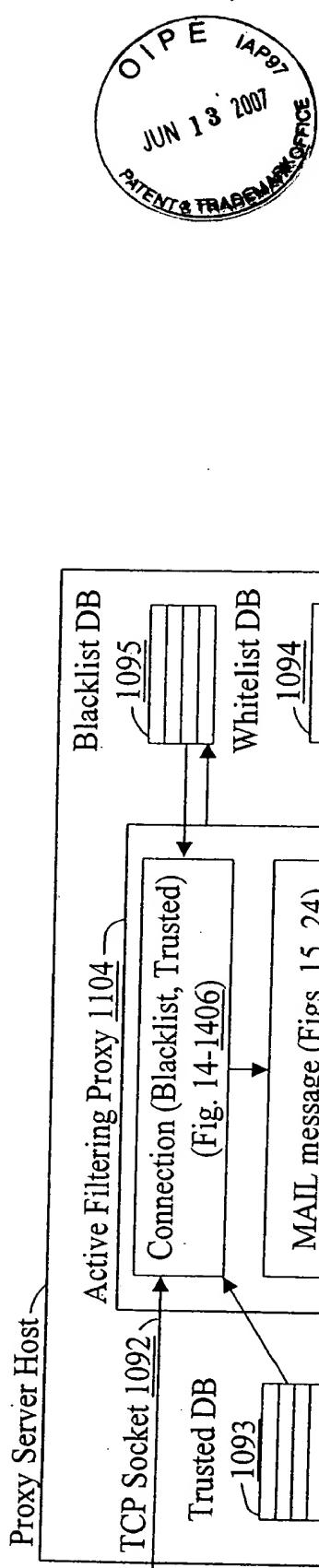


Figure 24



Local  
MTA  
1402

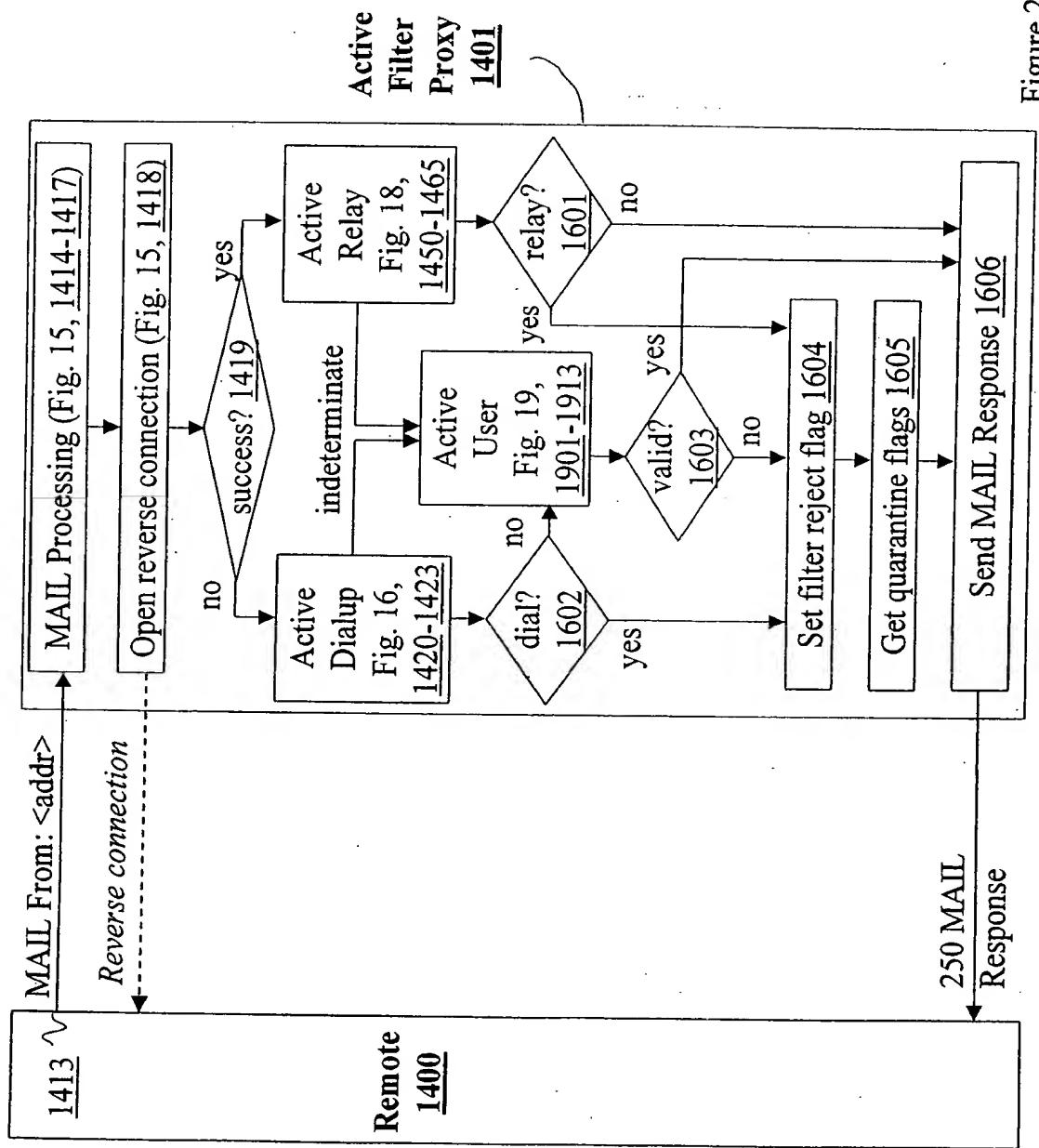
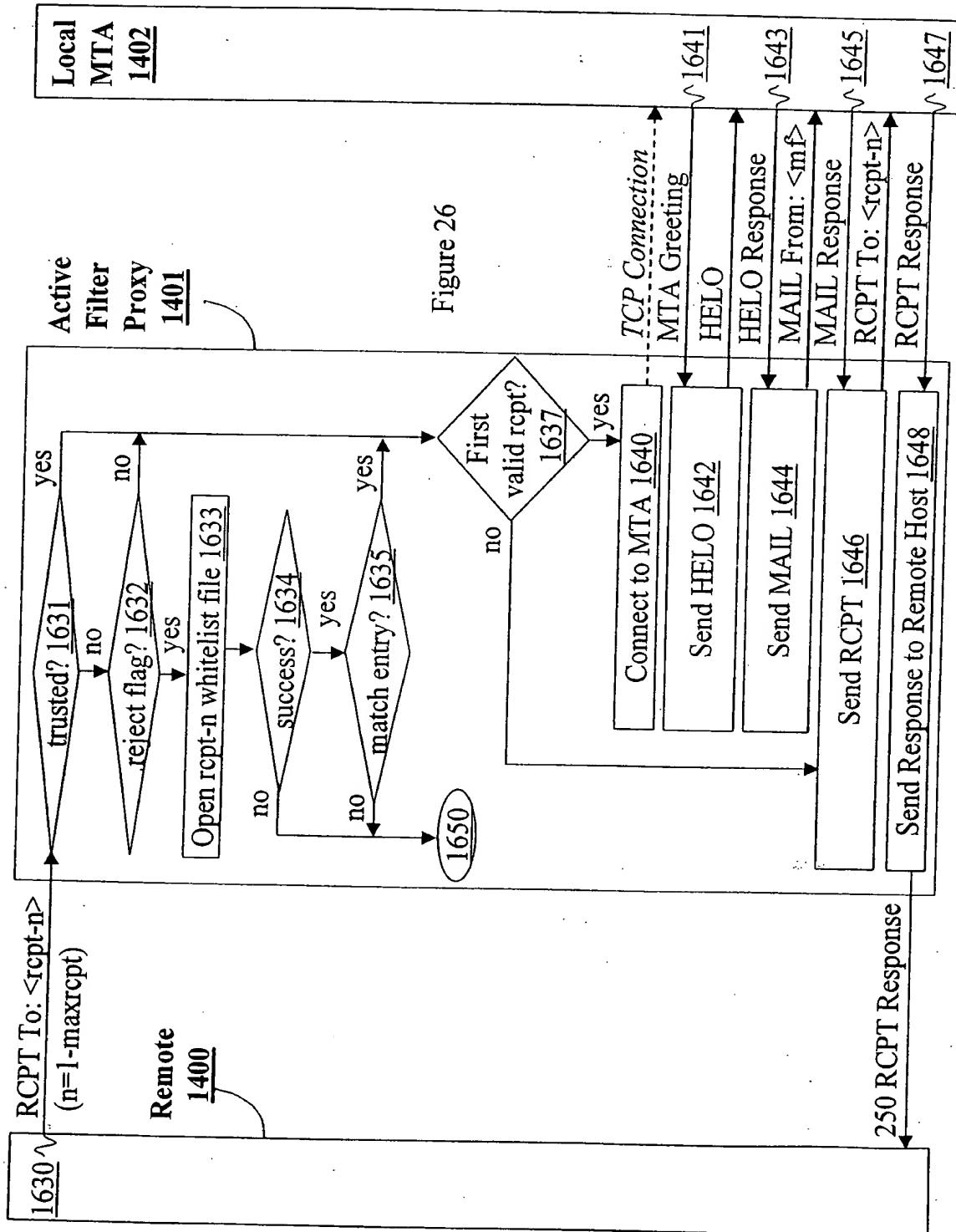


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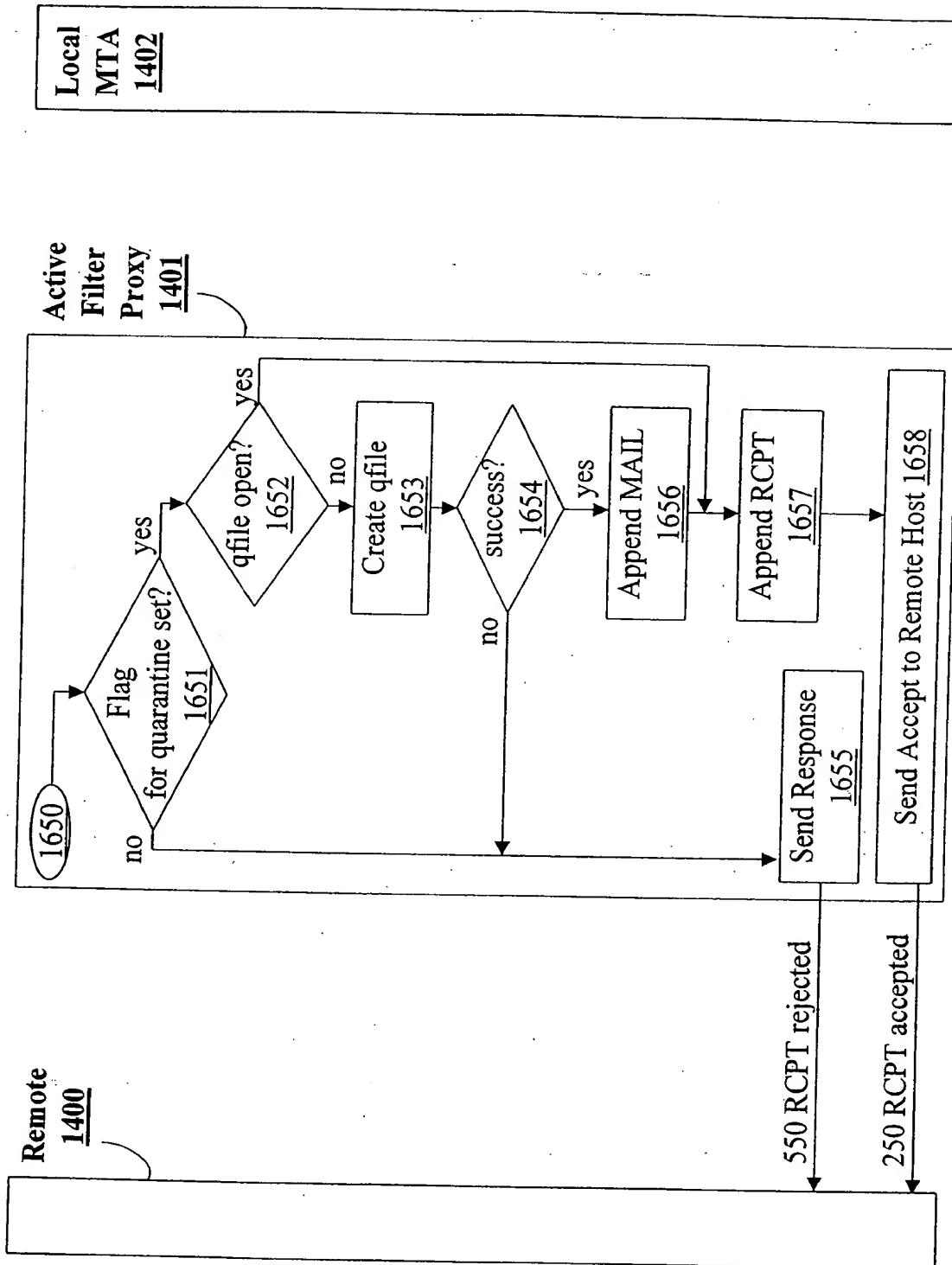
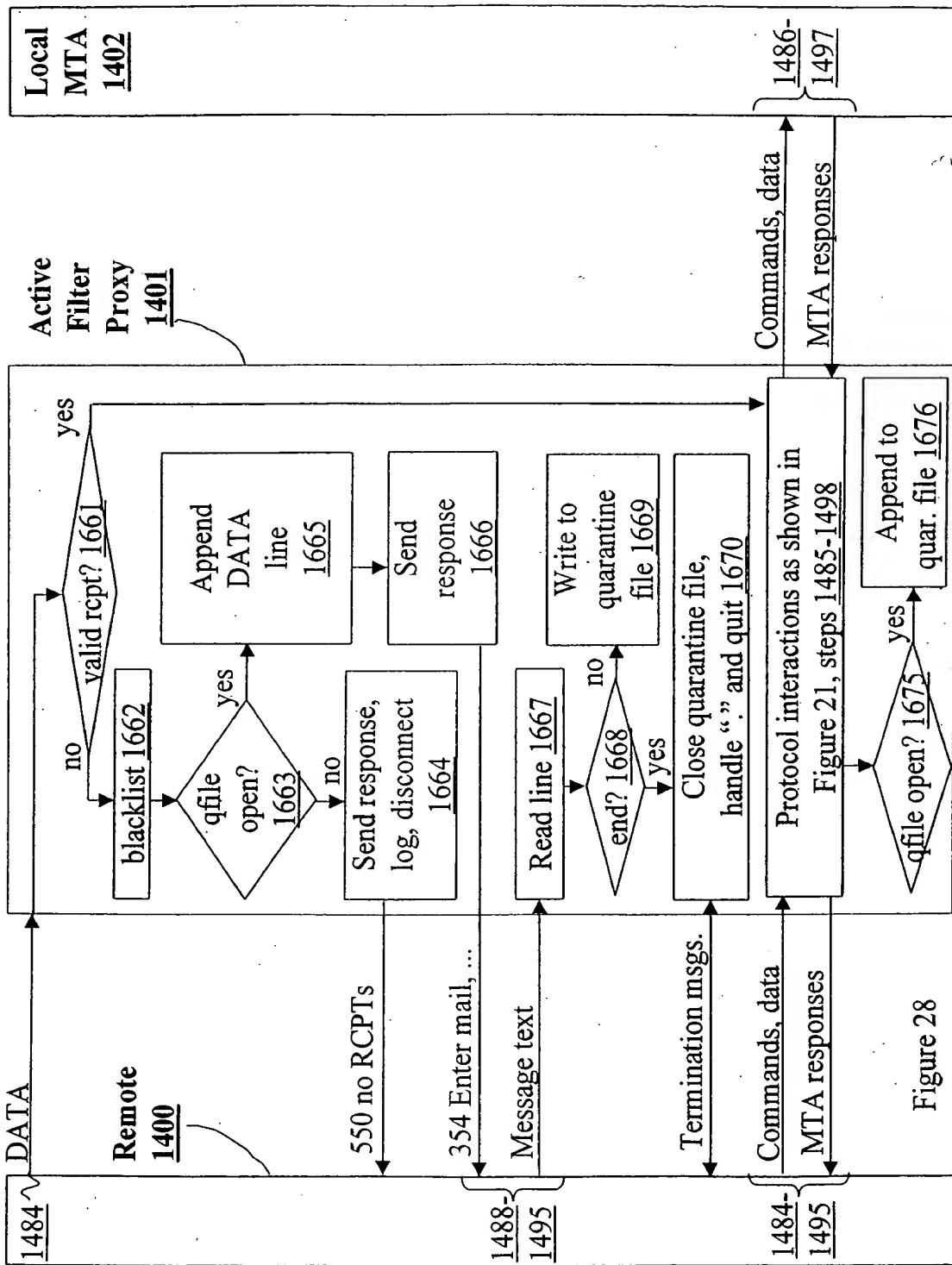


Figure 27



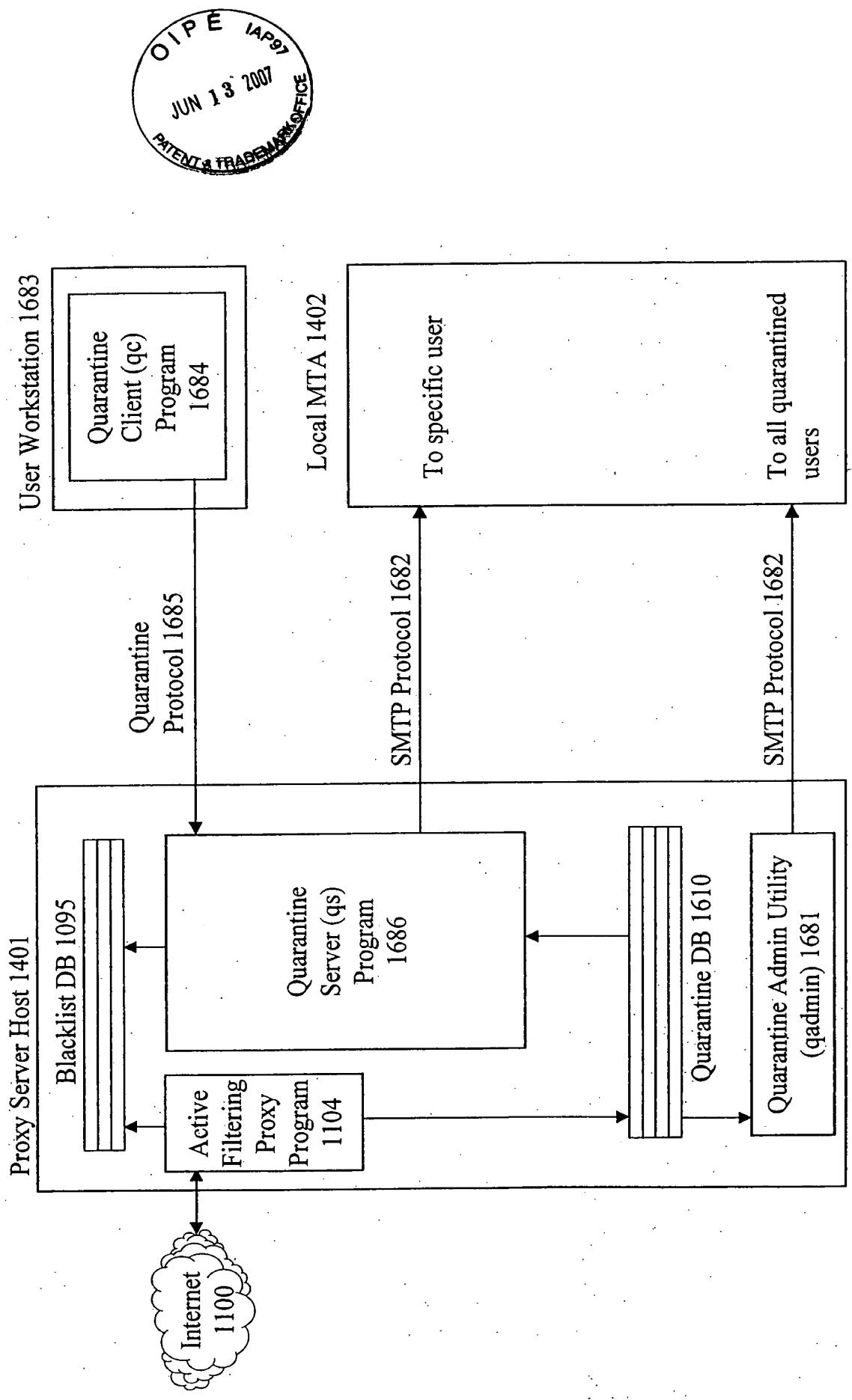


Figure 29. Quarantined Message Retrieval